

ANTIMICROBIALS DIVISION

Delta Analytical Corporation Presents History of Sodium Hypochlorite Past and Present Product Registrations and Current Regulatory Concerns. On August 18, 2016, Delta Analytical Corporation met with AD to discuss the relevance of sodium hypochlorite registrations and their regulatory impact in comparison to other chemicals managed within the division. Topics included the history of the chemical and present regulatory challenges the industry faces in the registration of its products. Delta Analytical also offered some questions for AD to consider to help determine if changes in policy or registration procedures are necessary. AD agreed to look into the registrant's concerns. (Ben Chambliss, 308-8174)

AD Meeting with Kopper to discuss the Copper Loading Treatment on Wood. On August 16, 2016, staff from AD met with representatives from the Copper Treated Wood Industry to discuss AWWA's guidance on the use of below ground retention rates to treat certain above ground dimensional wood. (Lorena Rivas, 305-5027)

BIOLOGICAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS DIVISION

No weekly activity submissions for week ending August 19th.

BIOPESTICIDES & POLLUTION PREVENTION DIVISION

BPPD Staff meet with Indonesian Regulators for Biotechnology Discussion.

On August 12, the International Life Science Institute in Washington, D.C. hosted visiting Cochran Fellows from Indonesia for detailed discussions on the regulation of products of biotechnology and associated risk assessment processes. The USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service and the University of Nebraska Lincoln teamed up to provide training in risk assessment, particularly in allergenicity assessment of novel proteins, and to expose the Indonesian delegation to cultivation practices and research innovations involving biotech derived crops. The Cochran Fellowship Program provides short-term training opportunities to agricultural professionals from middle income countries, emerging markets and emerging democracies. The delegation spent three weeks in the United States as part of a capacity building effort as they develop a functional regulatory system to deal with importation of commodities derived from biotechnology and ultimately cultivation in their country. USDA-APHIS, FDA-CFSAN and OPP-BPPD presented overviews of their respective regulatory approaches. (Chris Wozniak, 308-4043)

School Integrated Pest Management Program Bid and Contract Guidance.